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TAGS:OVIP, (VANCE, CYRUS)

SUBJECT:MAY 13 CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY 13:

1. GROMYKO EXPOUNDS

IN A DISCUSSION TOUCHING ON SALT AND THE MIDDLE EAST,
FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO TOLD AMBASSADOR TOON THE PLO
HAS BECOME MORE MODERATE, BUT IS NOT YET READY TO STATE
PUBLICLY A WILLINGNESS TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL.

(MOSCOW 6636, SECRET/EXDIS)

2. BHUTTO CALLS FOR REFERENDUM

IN A TELEVISED ADDRESS MAY 13, PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO
REJECTED OPPOSITION DEMANDS FOR NEW NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ELECTIONS, CALLING INSTEAD FOR A NATIONAL REFERENDUM
TO DETERMINE WHETHER HE SHOULD REMAIN IN POWER

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(ISLAMABAD 4966, LIMITED OFFICAL USE)

3. CONGRESS PARTY OUTLOOK.

AS GANDHI-BACKED BRAHMANANDA REDDI ASSUMES CHARGE,
INDIA'S CONGRESS PARTY ENTERS AN ERA OF SHARPLY-
REDUCED POPULAR APPEAL. (NEW DELHI 6837, CONFIDENTIAL)

4. DEMIREL COMMENTS ON NATO SUMMIT

PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL TOLD REPORTERS MAY 12 THAT HE RETURNED SATISFIED FROM THE NATO SUMMIT BECAUSE TURKEY'S POSITION HAD BEEN THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED AND HER RIGHTS DEFENDED. (ANKARA 3717, UNCLASSIFIED)

5. CALLAGHAN MEETING WITH CARAMANLIS AND DEMIREL

IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN, CARAMANLIS EXPRESSED PESSIMISM OVER PROSPECTS FOR A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, AND DEMIREL REMARKED HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE DISPUTE HAD BECOME AN ISSUE IN TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH THE US. (LONDON 7975, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS) CHRISTOPHER

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